COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Vaccine related information is updated on a rolling basis as more information becomes available from New York State. Any questions regarding the vaccine and eligibility should be directed to qualified heath care professionals, Department of Health officials, or the NYS COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

About the Vaccine

Three vaccines have been authorized by the FDA and approved by New York State's independent COVID-19 Clinical Advisory Task Force. One that was developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, another by Johnson & Johnson, and another that was developed by Moderna. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one.

> » Information about the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine:
>   https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Moderna.html
> » Information about the Pfizer and BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine:
>   https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Pfizer-BioNTech.html
> » Information about the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine:
>   https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/janssen.html

For more answers regarding the effectiveness, safety, and need for the COVID-19 Vaccine, visit the NYS Department of Health's FAQ page here: https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/frequently-asked-questions-0
Additional FAQ's have been published by Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and can be found here: https://www.chooseexcellus.com/covid19/vaccines-866M9-31571N.html#resources

Where Can I Receive the Vaccine?

» Vaccines are available at pharmacies, hospitals and through local health departments statewide – please contact your provider of choice to schedule your vaccine appointment. View all COVID Vaccination sites in Broome County as of (2/17/21) here: https://www.nyuhs.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/broome2-17-21.pdf
» There is a network of State-run sites distributing vaccines statewide. To receive a vaccine from a State-run vaccination site, New Yorkers are required to schedule an appointment after determining eligibility through New York State's "Am I Eligible" application → https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/
» You will receive both doses of the vaccination from the same site you have chosen. Second dose appointments will be booked at the site where you receive your first shot. Remember: Both vaccines require two doses for effectiveness. Both doses of the vaccination should be from the same manufacturer.
» Local NYS COVID-19 Vaccination Sites Currently Include:
    » State Mass Vaccination site in Johnson City – 10 Gannett Drive Johnson City NY 13790 (Currently closed, to be reopened Late 2021/Early 2022)
» Pharmacies such as CVS and Rite Aid offer the COVID-19 vaccine and booster. Visit their websites to schedule.
» Please note: The Broome County Health Department is currently providing the COVID-19 Vaccine ONLY to NYS eligible groups. Proof of eligibility will need to be provided at the appointment.
    » For more information from the Broome County Health Department regarding the vaccine please visit: https://www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus/vaccine
» For regional vaccine information and transportation assistance visit: https://www.nyuhs.org/southerntiervax

Who is Eligible?

The COVID-19 Vaccine is scheduled be rolled out in a phased distribution plan. Consult the New York State Phased Distribution Plan to learn what phase you will become eligible to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine.
    » https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution-vaccine

Currently, all New Yorkers aged 5 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine.

What Should I Do After Scheduling my COVID-19 Vaccine?

After scheduling an appointment, all New Yorkers must complete the New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Form which includes a self-attestation under penalty of law that the individual is a member of a priority group eligible for vaccination.
    » To access the New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Form visit here: https://forms.ny.gov/s3/vaccine

Be sure to wear a mask to your vaccination appointment and bring any necessary proof of eligibility to the vaccination site. This may include a government-issued ID displaying date of birth, an employee ID card, a letter from an employer or affiliated organization, or a pay stub, depending on the specific priority status.

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What Should I do if there are no Appointments Available?

COVID-19 Vaccinations are being made available to New York State by the Federal Government on a rolling basis. Due to limited supply of the COVID vaccine from the federal government, it could take up to 14 weeks for eligible New Yorkers to schedule their vaccination. You must have an appointment to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine. Walk-ins are not permitted.

Do I Need to Quarantine if I have been Exposed to COVID-19 After Receiving the Vaccination?

According to the CDC, those who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, are asymptomatic after exposure, and have had at least two weeks have passed since the second shot, are no longer required to quarantine within 3 months of the second shot.

What are My Responsibilities as a Vaccine Provider?

The New York State Department of Health has release guidance for facilities participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program. Guidance reviews provider responsibilities, groups eligible for vaccinations, vaccination requirements, answers questions regarding additional or extra vaccinations, and more.

> » To view Guidance for The New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Program visit here: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/01/covid19guidanceforfacilitiesreceivingvaccine1.15.21.pdf

What is the Status of Vaccine Distribution in My Region?

The New York State Department of Health has developed an online dashboard tracking the distribution of both the 1st and 2nd COVID-19 vaccines in NYS. The dashboard breaks down the information by state and region, as well as doses administered and received.

> » To view the COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker visit here: https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-tracker

Where Can I Get Tested if I Suspect I Have COVID-19?

Due to the incubation period of COVID-19, it is possible to develop COVID-19 symptoms before you receive your first or second dose of the vaccine. If you suspect you have COVID-19, call your primary care physician to learn if you should self-isolate or receive a test.

There are two New York State ran testing sites located within Broome County. Please check their websites for testing requirements.

> » Drive thru testing available at Binghamton University Events Center Parking Lot located at 4400 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal, NY 13850. Appointment is required.
> » UHS Walk-In Vestal located at 4417 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal, NY 13850. Referral is required.

Check with your primary care physician to see if they are able to administer tests. Certain pharmacies in NYS are administering COVID-19 tests, call your pharmacy to see if they are participating.

What Can I Do Once I am Fully Vaccinated?

As of December 13, 2021, NYS issued a new mandate that all persons, over age two regardless of vaccination status, shall wear an appropriate face covering/mask while in any indoor public place that is not a private residence, unless businesses/venues implement a vaccine requirement, until January 15, 2022. View Details Here

Should I receive a COVID-19 Booster?

All New Yorkers **aged 16 and older** are strongly encouraged to receive the COVID-19 Booster at least six months after being fully vaccinated if you had received Moderna or Pfizer, and at least two months after receiving a J&J vaccine. Schedule your booster with your local pharmacy or with the Broome County Health Department.